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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION: SECRETARY'S VISIT RIYADH

1. NEWSPAPERS DEVOTED DECEMBER 16 FRONT PAGES TO KISSINGER VISIT AND INAUGURATION OF CONFERENCE ISLAMIC STATES' MINISTERS OF FINANCE IN RIYADH.

2. AL MADINA FEATURED DR. KISSINGER'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT UNDER HEADLINE "KISSINGER: PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WILL GET QUICK SOLUTION." BILAD FEATURED THE ISLAMIC FINANCE MINISTERS CONFERENCE BUT STILL DEVOTED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO KISSINGER VISIT: "MESSAGE TO KING FEISAL FROM PRESIDENT NIXON; KISSINGER ANNOUNCED THAT HIS TALKS IN THE KINGDOM WERE COMPREHENSIVE AND FRANK." NADWA HEADLINE FRONT PAGE SAME AS BILAD. STORIES UNDER HEADLINES STRAIGHT REPORTAGE FOLLOWING MINISTRY OF INFORMATION RELEASE.

3. AL NADWA CARRIED WIRE SERVICE STORY POSTPONEMENT GENEVA CONFERENCE.

4. AL MADINA COMMENTARY OBLIQUELY ATTACKED CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT FOR SEEKING UNITY AGAINST ARABS DURING OIL BOYCOTT AND FOR DEVIATING FROM PRO-ARAB POLICIES OF EUROPEAN STATES DURING COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE. "BRANDT ALSO CALLED FOR SUPPORTING DR. KISSINGER'S INVITATION FOR COMBINING THE WESTERN IN-

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DUSTRIAL STATES AND JAPAN AGAINST THE ARABS. THIS IS NOT

THE FIRST TIME THAT BRANDT STOOD CLOSE TO WASHINGTON'S ATTITUDE;....MR. BRANDT REPRESENTS THE LAST ECHO OF THE REMAINDER OF AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN EUROPE." COMMENTARY ENDS WITH PRAISE OF POMPIDOU FOR OPPOSING STAND AGAINST ARABS.

5. DECEMBER 15 PRESS HEADLINED KISSINGER ARRIVAL AND RESULTS SECRETARY'S VISIT CAIRO. AL RIYADH: KISSINGER AND SADAT AGREE DISENAGEMENT MAIN TOPIC OF COMING GENEVA CONFERENCE." JAZIRA: FOR THE SECOND TIME KISSINGER IN RIYADH;" SWVHEAD: "SAQQAF: DR. KISSINGER IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE M.E. PROBLEM." JAZIRA STORY, TAKEN FRO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION RELEASE, CONCLUDED WITH SAQQAF ARRIVAL STATEMENT"... DR. KISSINGER IS WORKING WITH GREAT EFFORT AND SINCERITY TO SOLVE THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT HIS EFFORTS WILL RESULT IN A JUST PEACE IN ORDER THAT ALL MANKIND IN THE AREA MAY LIVE IN PEACE."

6. TEAR SHEETS COVERAGE SECRETARY'S VISIT FORWARDED AIR POUCH.
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